

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

1 in a computer system having a memory, a processor, and a  
2 network interface, a method for dynamically launching a  
3 conferencing application upon the receipt of an incoming call  
4 having the steps of: receiving an incoming call signal on the  
5 network interface; processing the incoming call signal to detect  
6 an intended recipient application; and launching the intended  
7 recipient application.

8 An apparatus for dynamically launching a conferencing  
9 application upon the receipt of an incoming call having a call  
10 directing module; a process manager coupled to the call directing  
11 module; and, a conferencing component coupled to the network  
12 interface; and the call directing module; the conferencing  
13 component containing a circuit for notifying the call directing  
14 module upon receipt of an incoming call and causing the call  
15 director to signal the process manager to activate a conferencing  
16 application.